

Dear Colleague,

Although I have not yet had chance to look at this report in detail, I would like to note my support for it being framed within an understanding of the social model of disability and a focus on removing disabling barriers.

What I would ask at this early stage of consultation, particularly in light of the need for 'joined up thinking and planning' is that the same approach is used in the forthcoming National Service Framework on Long Term Conditions.

Are there plans/structures for linking these two crucial areas of work for disabled people?

Certainly we intend to use the Modernisation Team in Leeds (the joint Health/Local, Authority? Disabled People's Groups organisation) to do this

Thank You

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